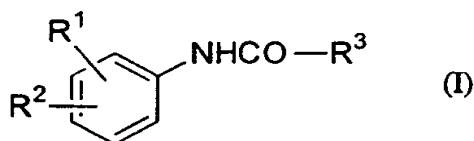


## CLAIMS

1. An amide compound of the formula (I):

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wherein

10  $\text{R}^1$  is an N-containing heterocyclic group selected from an imidazolyl, a triazolyl, a pyridyl, a pyridazinyl, a pyrimidinyl and a pyrazinyl group, each of which may be substituted with one or more lower alkyl groups,

15  $\text{R}^2$  is a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group, and

15  $\text{R}^3$  is a phenyl group substituted with thienyl or halophenyl; a thienyl group substituted with thienyl, phenyl or halophenyl; a pyrrolyl group substituted with phenyl; a thiazolyl group substituted with phenyl; an indolyl group substituted with lower alkyl and/or halo(lower)alkyl; a fluorenyl group; or a carbazolyl group,  
provided that

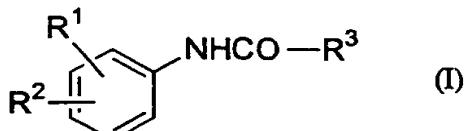
20 (1) the imidazolyl group for  $\text{R}^1$  is substituted with one or more alkyl groups, when  $\text{R}^3$  is a phenyl group substituted thienyl; an indolyl group substituted with lower alkyl; or carbazolyl group,

(2) the imidazolyl group for  $\text{R}^1$  is substituted with two lower alkyl groups, when  $\text{R}^3$  is a phenyl group substituted with halophenyl, or

25 (3)  $\text{R}^1$  is pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, a 4-(lower alkyl)-imidazol-1-yl or a 4,5-di(lower alkyl)-imidazol-1-yl group, when  $\text{R}^3$  is fluorenyl group  
and its salt.

30 2. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an amide compound of the formula (I):

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wherein

R<sup>1</sup> is an N-containing heterocyclic group selected from an imidazolyl, a triazolyl, a pyridyl, a pyridazinyl, a pyrimidinyl and a pyrazinyl group, each of which may be substituted with one or more

5 lower alkyl groups,

R<sup>2</sup> is a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group, and

R<sup>3</sup> is a phenyl group substituted with thienyl or halophenyl; a thienyl group substituted with thienyl, phenyl or halophenyl; a pyrrolyl group substituted with phenyl; a thiazolyl group substituted with

10 phenyl; an indolyl group substituted with lower alkyl and/or halo(lower)alkyl; a fluorenyl group; or a carbazolyl group,  
provided that

(1) the imidazolyl group for R<sup>1</sup> is substituted with one or more alkyl groups, when R<sup>3</sup> is a phenyl group substituted thienyl; an indolyl group  
15 substituted with lower alkyl; or carbazolyl group,

(2) the imidazolyl group for R<sup>1</sup> is substituted with two lower alkyl groups, when R<sup>3</sup> is a phenyl group substituted with halophenyl, or

(3) R<sup>1</sup> is pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, a 4-(lower alkyl)-imidazol-1-yl or a 4,5-di(lower alkyl)-imidazol-1-yl group, when

20 R<sup>3</sup> is fluorenyl group

or its non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

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